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-- THANK YOU. YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, ROSS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I'M DELIGHTED TO BE WITH YOU TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MY GOOD FRIEND, ROSS PEROT. MY HUSBAND IS VERY SORRY HE COULDN'T BE HERE TOO, BUT HE SENDS HIS WARMEST REGARDS TO EVERYONE, AND HIS DEEPEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, ROSS, UPON RECEIVING THIS GREAT HONOR.

-- ROSS HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY SPECIAL TO US, AND BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT THE WINSTON CHURCHILL FOUNDATION HAS A WONDERFUL

FRIEND. I'D LIKE TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS, ROSS, FOR THE GREAT GENEROSITY AND SERVICE WHICH YOU'VE SO FREELY GIVEN OVER THE YEARS TO OUR COUNTRY. NO PROBLEM IS TOO BIG OR COMPLICATED FOR YOU TO STEP IN TO HELP OUT. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE OF YOURSELF HAS TOUCHED SO VERY MANY LIVES.

-- MY FRIENDSHIP WITH ROSS BEGAN BACK IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES WHEN WE WERE IN SACRAMENTO. MY HUSBAND AND I WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE P.O.W.'S STILL IN VIETNAM. WE SOON FOUND OUT

THAT A MAN IN TEXAS CALLED ROSS PEROT SHARED OUR CONCERN IN A VERY BIG WAY. AS WE BEGAN TO WORK TOGETHER, ROSS GAVE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES OF CALIFORNIA P.O.W.'S. AND HE WAS A PILLAR OF STRENGTH AS MY HUSBAND AND OTHERS DEMANDED BETTER TREATMENT OF THE P.O.W.'S AND WORKED TO BRING THEM HOME.

-- IN RECENT YEARS A SECOND CONCERN HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER -- ONE VERY NEAR TO MY HEART -- THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. IN 1979, ROSS BEGAN THE TEXANS' WAR

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ON DRUGS, A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO EDUCATE PARENTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE. ROSS'S MESSAGE HAS REACHED INTO EVERY CORNER OF THIS GREAT STATE. JUST THIS MORNING, I VISITED A DRUG PROGRAM IN FORT WORTH WITH SOME OF THE YOUNG LEADERS OF THE TEXANS' WAR ON DRUGS. I CAN TELL YOU FROM FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE, THESE YOUNG TEXANS ARE SPECIAL -- COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

-- DRUG ABUSE HAS ROBBED SO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THEIR

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HOPE AND PROMISE. MANY ARE IN DANGER OF PERMANENTLY DAMAGING THEIR MINDS. BUT WITH PEOPLE LIKE ROSS AND THE PARENTS AND KIDS OF THE TEXANS' WAR ON DRUGS, THIS IS A WAR WE CAN WIN.

-- JUST AS EDUCATION CAN FREE KIDS FROM DRUG ABUSE, IT CAN OPEN THEIR MINDS TO NEW WORLDS. SO IT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY ROSS CARES SO DEEPLY ABOUT THE WINSTON CHURCHILL FOUNDATION. ROSS IS CONVINCED EACH OF US MUST HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR TALENTS, AND BOTH HE AND THIS FOUNDATION ARE WORKING TO DO

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JUST THAT. AND THEY'RE SUCCEEDING. YOU CAN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN EIGHT NOBEL PRIZES.

-- YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, WHEN YOU AND HER ROYAL HIGHNESS VISITED THE WHITE HOUSE THIS PAST AUTUMN, MY HUSBAND QUOTED A SPEECH THAT WINSTON CHURCHILL HAD GIVEN IN WARTIME BEFORE THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. IT MOVED ME THEN, AND I'D LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU ALL NOW:

"IT IS NOT GIVEN TO US TO PEER INTO THE MYSTERIES OF THE

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FUTURE. STILL I AVOW MY HOPE AND FAITH, SURE AND INVIOLEATE, THAT IN THE DAYS TO COME THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND FOR THE GOOD OF ALL WALK TOGETHER IN MAJESTY, IN JUSTICE AND IN PEACE."

-- YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, ROSS -- I BELIEVE THE WINSTON CHURCHILL FOUNDATION AND THIS WONDERFUL EVENING ARE JUST THE KIND OF SHARING THAT SIR WINSTON HAD IN MIND.

-- THANK YOU ALL.

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